

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A particulate filter for an internal combustion engine, comprising a monolithic porous filter body having inflow channels and outflow channels, each inflow channel crossing at least one outflow channel from which it is separated by a filtering wall, wherein the inflow channels open into a settling chamber which is an ash chamber for depositing ash and is positioned within the tubular housing adjacent to an outlet end of the filter body, wherein the filter body is positioned within a tubular housing such that said inflow channels extend longitudinally therein, and wherein the outflow channels open into a chamber of the housing laterally adjacent to the filter body, said chamber extending along the entire length of the housing.

2. (Previously Presented) The particulate filter of claim 1, wherein each inflow channel crosses a plurality of outflow channels and each outflow channel crosses a plurality of inflow channels.

3. (Previously Presented) The particulate filter of claim 1, wherein a plurality of inflow channels are arranged adjoining in a first plane and a plurality of outflow channels are arranged adjoining in a second plane parallel to the first plane.

4. (Previously Presented) The particulate filter of claim 1, wherein the inflow channels are tubes that pass through chambers without their walls contacting each other, said chambers forming the outflow channels.

5. (Previously Presented) The particulate filter of claim 1, wherein the outflow channels are tubes that pass through chambers without their walls contacting each other, said chambers forming the inflow channels.

6. (Previously Presented) The particulate filter of claim 1, wherein the settling chamber has a flap for removing the ash therefrom.

7. (Canceled)